

Art Museum

Mission. The mission of the Wichita Art Museum is to collect, preserve, and exhibit American art and educate the public about America's artistic heritage.

Overview. The Wichita Art Museum (WAM) is the largest art museum in Kansas, contributing to the cultural vitality of life in Wichita. Exhibits on a continuing basis include selections from the permanent collection of more than 7,000 artworks. Along with a large collection of paintings, the museum offers a rich selection of sculptures, works on paper, drawings, and decorative arts. The collection of American masterpieces reflects the richness and diversity of American culture from colonial times to the present and includes artworks by artists like Edward Hopper, Marry Cassatt, Winslow Homer, Thomas Eakins and many others. The Art Museum hosts different exhibits from across country three to four times per year.

Museum professional staff work closely with volunteers to present a vigorous educational program. The public enjoys "Stories in Art" sessions based on artwork in the museum's galleries, educational videos, and weekly gathering for "Gallery Talks." WAM for Kids, located in the basement of the facility, is an educational and fun center for children of all ages and their parents. Each year more than 13,000 school children benefit from classroom visits, tours of exhibits, and educational materials. In addition, the museum offers rental rooms for special events; the museum store with unique and interesting gifts; and the research library including, locally hard to find resources, auction records, and exhibition catalogues. Many volunteers contribute by providing policy leadership as board members, conducting tours, raising funds to supplement City support, and working directly with professional staff to serve the public.

Finance and Operations. The Wichita Art Museum receives an annual subsidy from the City to support operating costs. Other funds are provided by private donations.

The Wichita Art Museum is planning an expansion in the last quarter of 2000 that will provide an additional 33,400 square feet to the original building. The expansion will include a new entrance to the museum, a 6,000 square foot Great Hall featuring works of art, and a room for special events. The expansion will provide 40 percent more exhibit space and both enlarged and improved areas for the conservation, preservation, and storage of art. The current WAM for Kids will be transformed into a new interactive educational gallery for children and adults. The new building will allow for an elevated restaurant with a wonderful view overlooking the river. The City's contribution toward the expansion is \$6 million.



The Wichita Art Museum is internationally recognized for collections of outstanding American Masterpieces.

Wichita Art Museum Budget Summary					
	1999 Actual	2000 Adopted	2000 Revised	2001 Adopted	2002 Approved
Personal Services	0	0	0	0	0
Contractual Services	0	0	0	0	0
Commodities	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,232,710	1,172,710	1,172,710	1,172,710	1,172,710
Total WAM Trust Expenditures	1,232,710	1,172,710	1,172,710	1,172,710	1,172,710